

Pastor's Welcome Class

Lesson 2 Key

Personal Growth through Spending Time in God's Word

I. Spending Time in God's Word results in spiritual growth!

A. The primary way God speaks to us is through His written Word. (2 Tim. 3:16, 17 NKJV) ¹⁶*All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

B. God's Word is food for our spirits. (Matt. 4:4 NKJV) ⁴*But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'*

B. Meditating in the Scriptures is a master key to success in life. (Josh. 1:8 NKJV) ⁸*"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.*

C. We should develop a habit of reading and meditating in the Word of God daily. (Psalm 1:1-3 NKJV) ¹*Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; ²But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. ³He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.*

D. As we regularly fellowship with God in the Word, we will grow spiritually. (1 Pet. 2:2 NKJV) ²*as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby.*

II. The Benefits of God's Word

A. The Word gives us wisdom. (Col. 3:16 NKJV) ¹⁶*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*

B. The Word builds our faith. (Rom. 10:17 NKJV) ¹⁷*So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

C. The Word heals and delivers us. (Psalm 107:19, 20 NKJV) ¹⁹ Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and He saved them out of their distresses. ²⁰ He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

D. The Word preserves us from sin. (Psalm 119:9-11 NKJV) ⁹ How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word. ¹⁰ With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh let me not wander from Your commandments! ¹¹ Your word I have hidden in my heart That I might not sin against You!

E. The Word brings answers to prayer. (John 15:7 NKJV) ⁷ "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

F. The Word sanctifies us and makes us holy. (John 17:17 NKJV) ¹⁷ "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

G. The Word gives guidance to our lives. (Psalm 119:105 NKJV) ¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

H. The Word causes God's love to be perfected in us. (1 John 2:5 NKJV) ⁵ But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.

I. The Word makes us free. (John 8:31, 32 NKJV) ³¹ Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³² "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

J. The Word saves our souls and renews our minds. (James 1:21 NKJV) ²¹ Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

K. The Word makes us strong and victorious over the devil. (1 John 2:14b NKJV) I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the Word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the wicked one.

L. The Word builds us up. (Acts 20:32 NKJV) ³² "So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

M. The Word revives us. (Psalm 119:107 NKJV) ¹⁰⁷ I am afflicted very much; revive me, O LORD, according to Your word.

N. The Word gives us peace. (Psalm 119:165 KJV) Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

O. The Word washes us and makes us clean. (Eph. 5:26 NKJV) ²⁶ *that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word.*

P. The Word comforts us. (Rom. 15:4 NKJV) ⁴ *For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.*

Q. The Word causes us to prevail in life. (Acts19:20 NKJV) ²⁰ *So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.*